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On 22 May 2008, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview with Examiner, Denise Anderson and supervisor, David Sample. During the course of the interview the undersigned and the Examiner reviewed the status of the case and discussed the claim term "header jacket" and "supplied water guide jacket." In particular, these claim terms were discussed in reference to independent claim 25.

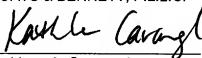
The undersigned explained that it is difficult to understand how the specific elements of claim 25 regarding the "header jacket" and "supplied water jacket" are found in the primary reference (Barzuza). The undersigned explained that the claimed "header jacket" is a structure enclosing a space surrounding the housing for holding backwashed concentrated filtrate

discharge. Likewise, the claimed "water guide jacket" is a structure enclosing a space extending around the housing for holding influent water. Such structures are not shown in Barzuza. Although the Patent Office did not set forth a construction for the above claim terms, the Examiner asserted that the Applicants' claim construction would be considered during a subsequent search of the prior art.

The time and cooperation of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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